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1. SUMMARY: SMALL, PEACEFUL GROUPS OF STUDENTS VISITED
PARLIAMENT AND BANK INDONESIA NOV 29 TO CONTINUE
CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICIES (AND
FAILURE OF PARLIAMENT TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE POLITICAL
ROLE.) END SUMMARY.

2. "INQUIRING STUDENTS" CONTINUED JAKARTA PEREGRINATIONS
NOV 29 WITH VISIT TO BANK INDONESIA WHERE THEY SUBMITTED
QUESTIONS CRITICIZING GOI DOMESTIC CREDIT POLICIES.
STUDENTS (ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE IN NUMBER) CARRIED POSTERS
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KOEN AS EXMPLES OF "CUKONGS" (GOVERNMENT FAVORED

CHINESE FINANCIERS.) PRESS NOTED WHAT EVERYONE KNOWS - I.E., THAT THEY ARE INFLUENTIAL AIDES TO PRESIDENRAL ASSISTANTS ALI MURTOPO AND SUDJONO HUMARDANI RESPECTIVELY. STUDENTS ASKED WHETHER GOVERNMENT HAD A POLICY TO INSURE THAT ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN BANKS HELP CONTRIBUTE TO POPULAR DEVELOPMENT. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT PT ASKRINDO AND PT BAHANA (LENDING INSTITUTIONS ESTABLISHED TO HELP INDONESIA'S "ECONOMICALLY WEAK") ARE EFFECTIVE. COMMENT: THEY ARE XW, YET. END COMMENT.

STUDENTS FAILED TO SEE BANK GOVERNOR RACHMAT SALEH BUT SPENT TWO HOURS IN DIALOGUE WITH BRIG. GEN. DERMAWEL (BANK DIRECTOR FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS) WHO SAID THAT MANY OF THEIR QUESTIONS ABOUT LENDING ACTIVITIES COULD NOT BE ANSWERED WITHOUT VIOLATING BANK CODE OF ETHICS.

3. PLANNING BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN SUMARLIN INDIRECTLY ANSWERED SOME OF "QUESTIONING STUDENTS" CRITICISMS IN APPEARANCE BEFORE YOUNG INDONESIAN BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION (HIPMI) ON SAME DAY. SUMARLIN SAID THAT PURPOSE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT POLICY WAS TO HDV INDIGENOUS BUSINESSMEN, BUT THAT WEAKNESSES ON THE PART OF THE LATYUSA (INCLUDING LACK OF CAPITAL AND MANAGEMENT SKILL) HAD PREVENTED THIS FROM HAPPENING. HE SAID THAT SMALL INDIGENOUS ENTREPRENEURS SHOULD FORM MERGERS WHICH COULD MORE EASILY BECOME JOINT VENTURE PARTNERS WITH FOREIGN FIRMS.

4. ON SAME DAY EIGHT-MAN DELEGATION FROM STUDENT COUNCIL AT BOGOR AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE (IPB) VISITED PARLIAMENT AND WERE RECEIVED BY GOVERNMENT PARTY (GOLKAR) DEPUTY CHAIRMAN SUMISKUM. ACCORDING PRESS, STUDENTS SAID PARLIAMENT HAD NOT USED ITS CONSTITUTIONAL "RIGHTS OF INQUIRY AND INITIATIVE". STUDENTS IMPLIED THAT PARLIAMENT FAILURE TO EXPRESS POPULAR ASPIRATIONS MADE RECENT PROTEST NECESSARY AS SUBSTITUTE. SUMISKUM OFFERED POLITE DEFENSE AND ACCORDING PRESS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PARLIAMENT'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERFORMANCE IS STILL FAR FROM PERFECT. (THIS IS FIRST TIME THJM BOGOR STUDENTS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN RECENT PROTEST.)

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH STUDENT ACTIVITY CONTINUES TO FOLLOW PEACEFUL PATTERN, ARMED SECURITY FORCES WERE HIGHLY VISIBLE DURING "INQUIRING STUDENTS" VISIT TO BANK INDONESIA. ONCE AGAIN STUDENTS HAVE MADE IT

CLEAR THAT PROTEST IS DESIGNED TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON
BROAD SPECTRUM OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND
IS NOT AIMED EXCLUSIVELY AT FOREIGN AID AND INVESTMENT
(AND TECHNOCRATS) WHICH WERE INITIAL TARGETS. OUR
COLEAGUES AT JAPANESE EMBASSY ARE STILL

ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE NEXT STUDENT DELEGATION
TO VISIT THEM AS THEY HAVE BEEN EVER SINCE
NOVEMBER 24 PROTEST (REF A).
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